THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The weighted average landed price of Cimetidine, based on DGHS import data for the year 1990, 91, works out to Rs. 2861.58 per Kg.

(b) M/s. Eskayef are marketing formulations based on bulk drug Cimetidine under brand name 'Tagamed'. The prices of these formulations, as approved in April '89 are based on landed price of bulk drug at Rs. 1363.16 per Kg. These prices have not been revised by the Government since then. As regards M|s. Cadila, as per available information, this company is marketing Cimetidine based formulations under generic name.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Use of large quantity of Dexamethasone

4585. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M|s. Cadila and M|s. Tamilnadu Dadha also use large quantities of Dexamethasone;

(b) if so, what was the bulk drug price on which their formulation prices were based as on 31st March, 1979 and when and what was the price of the bulk drug notified by Government;

(c) whether any amounts are due towards these companies;

(d) whether Government have issued any notice to them;

(e) if so, when and what are the details thereof;

(f) whether it is a fact that Ministry had not made any assessment of liabilities in their favour; and

(g) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN: (a) M|s. Cadila is captively consuming the bulk drug Dexamethasone for its formulations, whereas M|s. Tamilnadu Dadha is purchasing the bulk drug for its formulations.

(b) The prices of formulations based on bulk drug Dexamethasone as on 31st March, 1979 were based on the declared price of Dexamethasone Pune and Dexamethasone 21-Phosphate under DPCO, 1970 which were Rs. 89.92 and Rs. 195.37 per gm. for Dexamethasone Pure and Dexamethasone 21-Phosphate respectively.

(c) to (g) Till date no amount has been assessed against both the companies. Both the companies have been requested to submit the required data to assess the tentative liability against them on this account, if any. After getting the required data further necessary action would be taken.

Fixation of prices of Dipyridamol

4586. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the price of Dipyridamol has not been fixed by Government although its production has been started by M|s. German Remedies;

(b) on what price of Dipyridamol are the formulation prices based at present and since when;

(c) wheher it is a fact that all alongwith M|s. German Remedies were over-invoicing the imports;

(d) if so, what action taken thereon;

(e) whether Government have taken any steps to bring down the price of its formulations; and

(f) if so, the details tehreof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMCALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHNTA MOHAN): To the extent information available, the production of bulk drug Dipyridamol has not been started in the country.

(b) The present ceiling price of formulations which have been fixed on 9th July, 1992 are based on the current weighted average landed cost of DGHS;

(c) and (d) Prima facie there appears to be no case of overinvoicing against M/s. German Remedies.

(e) and (f) The prices of formulations are fixed on the basis of weighted average landed cost of DGHS from time to time.

Assessment of liability of M|s. Merind by special team

4587. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) on what basis the special team assessed the liabjlity of M|s. Merind at Rs. 138.79 lakhs upto 31st December, 1993 in respect of Dexamethasone and its salts:

(b) what are the basis on which the liabiljty was revised to Rs. 781.50 lakhs for the same period;

(c) what are the details of calculations of both the assessments and how did Government tolerate suppression of liabilities by the special team;

(d) whether it is a fact that the company have also shown their liability upto 31st December, 1983 in their annual accounts and what was the amount indicated;

(e) whether it is a fact that company has not paid the dues so far; and

(f) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (f) The liability of M/s. Merind in respect of overcharging of Dexamethason and its formulations was assessed as Rs. 138.79 lacs by the Special Team for the period upto December, 1983. On receipt of complaint alleging irdegularities in the computations made by the Special Team, it was decided in 1989 to review their recommendations. Accordingly, revised tentative liability has been computed as Rs. 781.58 lacs for the period upto December, 1983 and Rs. 1610.14 lacs for the period after December, 1983.

To the extent information is available, M|s. Merind had shown its liability under DPEA as Rs. 468.07 lacs in its Annual Accounts for the year ending 31.12.1983. M|s. Merind has not deposited any amount into DPEA so far. The company is seeking personal hearing against their tentative liability and it has been proposed to give hearing to the company very shortly.

Complaints of overcharging prices of bulk drugs

4588. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of bulk drugs in respect of which complaints of over-charging of prices have been received during the year 1992;

(b) what is the actual position against each of these complaints and what action has been taken in each;

(c) whether it is a fact that Vitamin C, Metronidazole, INH, Ampicillin, Cloxacillin, Amoxicillin, Cephalexin, Nifidipine, Chloroquin etc. are all being overcharged on one pretext or the other;